Supernatural, any, "Now watch closely, everyone. I'm going to show you how to kill a god... The trick is not to fear him."

PGish, S5 AU, Castiel vs Lucifer. I'm pleased with this as I finally found a way to answer this prompt.

Castiel does not fear him. Respect his strength yes, understand that his death may happen soon, but: he does not fear this would-be God.

Lucifer has cold amusement in his eyes at Castiel's approach, and spreads his hands in welcome.

"You failed," Lucifer says, and there is nothing wrong with his vessel this time: Sam Winchester fits him fine.

Castiel is not afraid. He tells himself this.

He holds the sword he stole from the corpse of another God, and here it is a boon that he is human: Lucifer hasn't bothered to check him thoroughly, is careless in his assumption that Castiel can do nothing to him.

"You will not keep Sam Winchester," Castiel tells Lucifer.

Lucifer reaches and takes Castiel's chin in his hand, studies his eyes.

Castiel is not afraid, even as Lucifer is putting his other hand on Castiel's wrist, and it is luck that he is holding the wrong hand.

"What makes you so sure?" Lucifer asks. "You can do nothing to me. There are no more swords, no more angels. Nothing left on Earth can destroy me. Or do you mean to banish me?"

Castiel has never witnessed the death of an archangel. He does not know if the blast of power is lethal.

Castiel recalls Uriel's words from so long ago and is not afraid as he brings the sword up and into Lucifer's chest.